पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। 1995-96 के दौरान आयात किए जाने वाले पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों का अनुमानित मूल्य 4.01 बिलियन अमरीकी डालर है।

(ग) और (घ) अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के आयात मूल्यों में विश्वव्यापी घटकों के कारण अत्यधिक उतार-चढ़ाव होता रहता है। पिछले 3 वर्षों के दौरान आयात किए गए पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की मात्रा और उनके मूल्य को दर्शाने वाला विवरण संलग्न है (नीचे देखिए)

(ङ) और (च) वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान अनुमानित राज-सहायता क्रमशः 5686, 6596 और 6560 करोड़ रुपए रही है।

(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों का आयात निम्नानुसार था:—

(मात्राः मिलियन टन)

(मूल्यः करोड़ रुपए में)

उत्पाद	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95*	
	मात्रा	मूल्य	मात्रा	मूल्य	मात्रा	मूल्य
एल पी जी	0.328	218	0.410	237	0.592	417
एस के ओ	3.463	2009	3.946	2371	4.240	2405
एच एस डी	7.159	3691	7.555	4175	8.637	4360
एफ ओ	—	—	—	—	0.267	92
ल्यूब्स	0.296	363	0.132	188	0.087	139
अन्य	0.037	79	0.033	70	0.128	109
कुल	11.283	6360	12.076	7041	13.951	7522

*अनन्तिम

Delivery of Letters in Delhi

1183. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inordinate delays in the delivery of letters;

(b) whether Government are aware that even local letters in Delhi take more than one week to get delivered;

(c) what are the reasons for such delays; and

(d) what steps are being taken to see that the letters and other posts are delivered fast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) It is generally not so. However, occasional instances of delays in the delivery of mail have come to notice.

(c) Seasonal rush of mails, transport bottlenecks, shortage of staff and rapid growth of new residential colonies in the peripheral areas often contribute to such delays.

(d) Following remedial steps have been taken:—

(a) Constant monitoring of receipt and delivery of mails at different points and levels;

(b) Installation of green letter boxes for early delivery of local mails;

(c) Redeployment of staff; and

(d) Mechanisation of clearance of letter boxes.

Hybrid Mail Service

1184. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Hybrid Mail proposed by Government;

(b) whether the mail will be delivered more effciently; and

(c) if so, the details of advantage of this service?

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Hybrid Mail Service introduced by the Department of Post provides facility for electronic transmission of data and text through VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) and satellite channel and delivery to the addressees through the Postman. This service is presently available for Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Bangalore, Lucknow, Patna and Shimla where VSATs are functioning in New Delhi GPO, Bombay GPO, Anna Road GPO Madras, Lucknow GPO, Patna GPO and Shimla GPO. Messages booked through Hybrid Mail Service up to 03.00 p.m. are delivered at the destination on the same day.

Service charges are as under:—

Item	Tariff
2 KB data	Rs. 20/-
Subsequent 2 KB data or part thereof	Rs. 5/-
Data entry for each addtional page of A-4 size beyond the first page	Rs. 10/-

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Hybrid Mail Service ensures speedy and efficient transmission of text and delivery at the addressee's doorstep through Postman. The tariff for the service is low and customer can avail this facility of electronic transmission of message without owning a computer terminal or FAX.

Measures for efficient supply of LPG Cylinders

1185. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the state-wise number of LPG consumers in the country particularly in the State of Punjab as on 30th June, 1995;

(b) what was the number of persons who got their names registered for LPG connections in the country during the last three years, year-wise/state-wise;

(c) what is the monthly requirement of LPG cylinders in the country; and

(d) what effective measures Government propose to improve the supply of LPG cylinders to the consumers and to clear the waiting list of the persons who got their names registered for LPG connections in the country so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) The present average demand of the LPG cylinders by customers of Public Sector Oil Companies in the country is about 1.9 crore cylinders per month.

(d) Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible. The plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the capacity of existing production sources, putting up new plants